

Medical Readiness CD-ROM (FY02-2093)

Impact

Materials were developed at the local installation focusing on emerging infectious diseases.

Description

Community Health Nurse and Preventive Medicine personnel must be immediately prepared to work independently in remote areas with minimal supervision. This is a problem for personnel who are relatively new and inexperienced. The short-term goal for the initiative was to update the standing operating procedure for tuberculosis (TB), develop a standardized TB training program, and identify surveillance tools for tracking and follow-up of the patients with latent TB infection or TB disease. This information was to be disseminated via an interactive CD-ROM with a pre- and post-test for knowledge. The long-range goal for this initiative was to develop an interactive CD-ROM that focused on emerging infectious diseases in Korea, beginning with tuberculosis (TB). assessment.

Outcomes

Unforeseen barriers prevented the project from being fully implemented as planned. As such, there was insufficient evidence to evaluate program materials and impact.

Innovative Features

This initiative tried to fill a critical knowledge gap for health personnel by providing current preventive medicine information for remote settings through the use of technology.

Lessons Learned

- Developing CD-ROM is labor-intensive, time-intensive, and costly. This task is especially difficult OCONUS.
- When planning the development of a CD-ROM product, be sure to include a plan to maintain content as current and relevant. This lesson should be a consideration for every health promotion information product, regardless of media.
- When possible, technology-based initiatives should be implemented in small stages that produce short-term, tangible products. This is especially true when development time will be lengthy.